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A WORTH-WHILE GIFT-You can make friends happy every day to the by sending them a subscription HE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

Pleading for the School of Hellas

THERE is something almost incongruous railroad president addressing a classical so- Ruling cousins have hated each other with ciety on "The School of Hellas" and making a cordiality not concealed by the thin veneer an eloquent and learned argument for those of diplomacy or court exchanges. Governclassical studies that we had been led to mental cliques have been built upon the hope understand were anathema to every practical of personal and party glorification by terri-

thought essential to the education of a gen- just been awaiting the most trivial incident tleman. Speaking for himself, he says he to precipitate the conflict. 'was treated like an old-fashioned muzzleloading gun," and there are others, who have had a like painful experience, who never could consent to a reloading after the weapon

once had been discharged.

It is Mr. Harrison's prayer that the influence of Hellas shall not die. He is himself a living illustration of why that prayer should be answered. It is as unusual as it is delightful to find a man of large affairs. turning from rate sheet, and rights of way, and troublesome stockholders and irritating and unheeding Interstate Commerce Commissions, and finding relaxation and inspiration in "the grandeur that was Greece and tion in "the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome."

Keeping the Gas Issue Clear

THERE is real reason for regret that the Gas Department has seen fit to becloud the issue whether or not owners of property any longer shall be held responsible for the gas bills of their tenants.

Spokesmen for the Gas Department talk as though the fact that it may be put to some additional trouble by the repeal of the obnoxious ordinance were ample reason for perthe owner of the property in which the retailer does business to pay the retailer's bills, but he cannot.

The Gas Department's campaign of opposition has very much the aspect of an effort to stir up popular antagonism to a belated measure of justice and right. Perhaps the department will find it necessary to put in prepayment meters; or to exact deposits in advance, but, apparently, that necessity is not experienced by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which also sells light to Richmond people. Municipel ownership, if it is to justify itself, should be, at least, as efficient as private ownership.

The plain fact is that the ordinance as it stands is a misuse of the city's power. It forces a class of citizens to pay what is in effect an extra tax. It should be repealed, for the municipal credit and the Gas Department's self-respect, as well as for the relief of those it has oppressed.

Gaining Respect for Each Other

ONE of the best ways to gain a proper and healthy respect for another man is to go out and fight him. The South and the North learned this in the War Between the States, and apparently the antagonists in the struggle that now rocks Europe are attaining on the field of battle the same point

When President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers they were asked to serve ninety days. That length of service, as the event proved, was not quite adequate. There is also the old story of the Southerner, who proclaimed, before the fighting started, that he "could lick any three Yankees." but felt compelled to explain, at a later day, that he had been unable to do so "because they would not come at him one at a time."

When we read nowadays of conversations and exchanges of newspapers between French and Germans in the trenches on the Aisne or the Oise, it recalls how Confederate and Federal soldiers swapped tobacco for coffee when the Army of Northern Virginia

was making its desperate resistance. There are other evidences of a return to sanity. Official observers with the armies of all the nations now at war begin to speak in terms of admiration of the conduct of the enemy. This development is as gratifying as it was inevitable. In the mass men of one country are about as brave as the men of another, and when they stand up and fight each other, and die gallantly in each other's sight; this fact becomes evident.

The Six-Day Bicycie Race

to find a satisfactory reason for the annual with a novel aspect! recurrence of six-day bicycle races in New York. They now appear to be so firmly established that the local press, which was formerly a unit in condemning them, does not now even raise a protest. That they this matter that he has no real aptitude for work any considerable harm either on the politics.

contestants or the spectators is doubtful. A physical contest has a sure appeal to human nature, so it is understandable that boxing or wrestling matches between skilled opponents, sincerely desirous of victory, should attract multitudes, even as baseball games do. Even football contests are witnessed by hundreds who have no clear understanding of what is going on before their eyes. The contest is the thing.

But these six-day bicycle races are only one degree less unexciting and uninteresting than a similar roller skating race would be. What is it that brings thousands of people to Madison Square Garden every year-not only from New York, but from other citiesto sit for hours watching a form of dreary treadmill torture, punctuated by an occasional spurt of speed? The hope that there may be a collision among the riders may account for the presence of some. Sheer lack of mental resource probably is responsible for the presence of most.

Merciless Mercy

WITH the viewpoint of extreme militarists like General von Hindenburg, who declares that the swift, merciless crushing of an opposing force will be the most merciful kind of warfare, there may not be much sympathy among the ultra-pacificists. the fact is that General von Hindenburg is not far from wrong. If either side could of men would be saved a horrible winter in the field, and as many women and children would be spared starvation added to their suspense. The cold-blooded, numerical fact is that as long as a sufficient number of men to make war are standing, on their feet, the war will continue; at least, there has been no evidence of weakening or pacification in any direction that would justify a hope to the contrary.

It is a most lamentable condition of affairs, that, built in as closely as they are and with no neutral ground to act as buffer—with the single pathetic exception of torn and bleeding Belgium-the nations of Europe have been straining at the leash for half a century. to our modern vision in the sight of a Big and little, they have all an ax to grind. torial acquisition and commercial advance-It is true that Mr. Harrison admits some ment. Large and small pools have been

What the rank and file, the private, the women and children think of it-what the taxpaying infinite majority may feel about it -has nothing to do with the case. This is family quarrel among rulers and cliques, backed by a blind obedience on the part of Smyrna on the American launch will be accepttheir chief victims in the mass. No voice in ed by the American government, and the inciprotest is raised as the instigators of it all dent be allowed to pass, notwithstanding the speak of winning if it wipes out a whole gen-government and people generally will probably eration of fighting men. Not even the ap-have their own opinion of the sincerity of the eration of fighting men. Not even the apwhite-covered fields, and depleted commissary, make the slightest difference. The whole of Europe is tasting blood, and there is nothing in sight this side of annihilation to promise peace.

Map-makers are awaiting the settlement, and smile on their faces to-day. All their lurid and the world of commerce is anxiously wishing belligerent talk has gone for nothing and a where the real misery lies, are the women and children. Whatever the issue, whoever wins, whichever side comes out victor, is not quite of so great importance as concluding the conflict on terms that will be decisive. An mitting the ordinance to stand. That argu- indecisive ending, or compromise, or agreement is ridiculous. The wholesaler would ment, would bring only temporary peace. be delighted, doubtless, if he could compel And it now appears that this decisive ending will come only through merciless fighting, which, from the point of view of releasing these thousands from the reeking trenches, seems to be now most merciful.

The True Spirit of Thanksgiving

of Thanksgiving. In the praises that ascend to-day, even in some of those that are spoken in the churches and the home and in others that well up unconsciously in the human heart, there will be a good deal of Thomas Jefferson said in his day, and the emer-

that he was better than others, it is the custom of the world, or at least of the worldly, to express gratitude for being better off. But the difference is not fundamental. In some of those most richly blessed and, therefore, most content, and therefore, perhaps. most indifferent, it is rank hypocrisy to thank the Giver of all good for their quite casual and undeserved freedom from want and woe. It is inconceivable that an omniscent God can

be pleased by such praises.
All about us there is suffering, agony, death. Europe is a welter of murderous passions and of bloody battles. Belgium, which was a shambles, has become a desert. Here in Richmond 10,000 or 12,000 men are out of employment, facing a winter of destitution for themselves and their families.

comfort and plenty of a happy home, gather wife and children about you for a service of praise, suppose you think for a while of what you have done, or are going to do, to carry Thanksgiving to some one eise.. All over the world, some thousands of miles away, but some perhaps in the next block, tingent. are persons whose reasons for thanksgiving are pitifully few and small. What have you done, what will you do, to make these rea-

sons somewhat more numerous and potent? Would not God be better pleased by praise for an opportunity, perceived and availed of, to assist the less fortunate, than by the expression of a smug satisfaction that in life or goods, morals or blessings, we are not as other men?

"Everybody's knitting," says a headline. Of course. Those of us who are not knitting socks and mufflers for soldiers in the European war are knitting our brows in an effort

THAT estimable gentleman, the future his- rates. But just think what a boon their mistorian to whom is left the unravelling ery will prove to the newspaper humorists, of many conundrums, will be hard put to it who had almost run out of commuter jokes

> New York's city chamberlain, who favors the abolition of his office because it is a sinecure, shows conclusively by his attitude in

SONGS AND SAWS

Tarhecia, We Greet You!

Tarhecia, we greet you!

It's most a shame to beat you,

You best of gallant foemen in a fight!

We love you like the dickens,

E'en as the scrimmage thickens;

But we just have to make the line hold tight.

Tarheels, we hall you!
But then we've got to frail you—
We've got to put that ball across the line.
We hate, like fun, to do it;
But we are driven to it
Whene'er the quarter back barks out the sign.

Come, boys, let's win now!
Get up and plunge right in now!
There's not a bit of sense in waiting more.

Tarheels won't mind it greatly;
They'll bear it quite sedately;
For we have licked them many times of yore.

-Are you going to make this a Christmas of self-

She—Yes, indeed. Because there is so much suffering in the world I feel I should deny myself the pleasure of giving presents, so I am going to take the money I would spend in that way and buy myself a new set of furs,

Before Dinner.

"Father!" "Yes, my son?"
"Honesty is the best policy, isn't it?

"So I've always heard."

"And if we repent and confess our manifold sins and transgressions, we'll be forgiven, won't

"That is the promise."

"Then I want to tell you that I've eaten up the Thanksgiving mince ple, and I'm already beginning to feel bad about it."

Worked Both Ends. J. Caesar was a lucky wight!
When he waged war uncouth and rough,
No correspondents caused him fright—
He wrote his own press agent stuff.

Chats With Virginia Editors

"All our differences with Turkey will be setdefects in the old system of imparting the made by the financial interests, in this game tied Thursday," the Petesrburg Index-Appeal little Latin and less Greek that once were of international chess; the big gamble has informs its readers. It is worthy of note that nobody outside of Petersburg on this side of the "big drink" quarrels with his turkey unless his

> The Staunton Leader is not satisfied with the explanation offered by the Turkish govern-ment. Editor Haislip writes: "The explanation proaching horrors of winter, and wolves, and Turks" The Grand Vizier is advised to caution Abdul that henceforward nothing but an alibi

> The Lynchburg Advance, too, has its fixed opinion of that Turkish incident. Says the Ad-If this is all true, it is perhaps equally any time: "Those who shricked loudest for true, as repeatedly stated by those of this drastic and immediate punishment for Turkey opinion, that the more merciless the war at for firing a shot across the bow of a United this stage the sooner will come its ending. States launch, have a sickly and embarrassed to open the doors of exchange. Back home, perfectly good opporunity for the administration in Washington to stand up on its hind legs and yell bloody murder has been lost. The danger of heroics is acute in these days of war proved the "loud-shrieking" Britons during the Boer War with, "Don't fight Oom Paul with your mouth: it's unsportsmanlike."

> Norfolk has discovered that there is another pecies of seafood its citizens can't find in their back yards, and the Virginian-Pilot comments "The pink oyster, which has made its appearance in Washington, and which is said to have peculiar deliciousness of its own, will no doubt be welcomed by those hostesses who strive to make everything harmonize at their pink teas" IT is very easy to take a wholly wrong view Thus nature provides congenial companions for even the pale lobster and the blase clam.

> The Newport News Press, in an editorial under the caption, "The Time to Build Ships," says: the spirit of the Pharisee, who thanked God gency is greater now than it was then We that he was not as other men. There is an essential difference, some will time. The yards are not busy and the prices say, for, whereas the Pharisee gave thanks are all marked down." Coming events cast their hsadows before The Peninsula communities are vet to be merged into the great city, but the greater spirit is upon them While the Winchester Star is crying, "Buy a Barrel of Apples" and the Williamsburg Gazette, "Buy a Bale of Cotton," the slogan of the Daily Press is, "Buy s Fleet of Ships."

Current Editorial Comment

There is much reason for be-

the Man of the Hour affairs of the Villa That must be the logical result of serious disagreement between an opinionated, none too the street of employment, lacing a winter of action for themselves and their families.

When you go to church to-day, or in the who has shown in connection with dashing who has shown in connection with dashing who has shown in connection with dashing military skill a high degree of adaptability, resourcefulness and enlightened decency of government will give reasonable opportunity for demonstrating whether or not such a force

exists. If it doesn't, we confess to a feeling of fearfulness that somebody outside of Mexico will eventually be obliged to undertake the work of pacification and direction. Too much that is absolutely necessary to the progress of the world exists in the 767,000 square miles of Mexico to permit a perpetual condition of anarchy.—Hartford Times.

An Ohlo man has invented a mechanical corn husker. The device runs with a gasolene Sad Blow to Real Romance engine. Its possessor, who, presumably, is at the same time possessor of a shock of corn, hauls the machine beside the shock, turns on the sparker—if that's the way a second metal.

pean war are knitting our brows in an effort to meet the difficulties of business and life that the war has caused.

Commuters are hard hit, so it is reported by recent increases in railroad passenger rates. But just think what a boon their misery will prove to the newspaper humorists, who had almost run out of commuter jokes with a novel aspect!

Mulls the machine beside the shock, turns on the sparker—if that's the way a gasolene motor is started—and the shucker begins to shuck. The cleaned ear are elevated to a wagon standing near, and the stalks stripped of corn are deposited elsewhere. It all works very nicely, according to the prospectus. Clearly, this inventive genius, but he never attended a husking bee. What is to become of the chief social diversion of rural communities? Surely, a mechanical husker can never be invented with husking bee. What is to become of the chief social diversion of rural communities? Surely, a mechanical husker can never be invented with acumen enough to distinguish a red ear when one turns up and to appreciate the privilege that goes with it. This patented husker can never hope for popularity among those whose work it is intended to alleviate—that is, if the conventional view of husking be accepted. As a matter of unpoetic truth, husking is about the most disagreeable of farm chores. It comes

when the weather is cold calling for gloves, which the nature of the occupation forbids, and unless one be hardened against all physical discomforts, one hour of husking by hand means sixty full minutes of torture. The joyous fusking bee is largely a myth. The mechanical husker ought to be a godsend.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

War News Fifty Years Ago (From the Richmond Dispatch, Nov. 26, 1864.

is now understood that the Federal plan is for a combined naval and land attack upon the Confederato defences at Chaffin's, below the bluff, and, of course, all depends upon the ability of the Federals to get their iron-clads through the Dutch Gap Canal.

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Northern papers announce that the Dutch Gap Canal is near to completion, and from another source comes the further announcement that the iron-clad fleet which was supposed to have left Fort Monroe over two weeks ago has moved some distance up the river. Evidently, the Federals are expecting great things through the Dutch Gap Canal; but we happen to know that the making of the canal was a bungling job. and it is very doubtful if the iron-clads can be made available by that route, and there is no other for them.

The report that the enemy had made a demon stration on Lee's extreme right proved last night to be untrue. There is absolutely nothing doing in front of Petersburg.

The New York Herald, the latest copy received in this city, says: "All of the iron-clads previously reported at Fortress Monroe were on last Friday morning sent up the James River to Dutch Gap, and this and other significant movements lead to expectations of stirring events in that vicinity within a very short wille,"

Last week General Burnside visited his old Last week General Burnside visited his old corps, now in front of Petersburg, and it is said that he had a rather cold reception. He out the scene early and went back to Fortress Monroe It is said that Burnside is soon to be Grubbs—Why is it that men who have a naturally foolish look anyhow insist on attiring themselves in the most foolish varieties of present-day overcoats and hats?

Stubbs—Because in their case appearances are not deceptive.

Monroe It is said that Burnside is soon to be assigned to a command which may necesslate his operating in Eastern North Carolina. A very easy place that is, where there is but little fighting on hand, and where but little brains or military knowledge will be required.

Information has reached the Navy Department of the drowning at may be a sound of the drown

Information has reached the Navy Department of the drowning at sea of Past-Midshipman William B. Sinclair, of Norfolk. He was drowned while trying to rescue a seaman who could not swim. Sinclair was only nineteen years of age. "The Richmond Soup Association" is the title of a society that has been organized to relieve distress in this city. They propose to make soup and such other eatables as, with limited means, they can supply, and sell the same at cost to the hungry, and where the hungry are without the funds to meet the cost to distribute the same and the same and the same and the same and cost to the hungry and where the hungry are the soup and other eatables free of charge.

We have no official news from Georgia, beyond the official assurance that Sherman's movements have been thus far obstructed with a degree of success, which encourages the hope that only a remnant of his army will ever reach the

The season of hot drinks is upon season of hot whiskey punch, apple toddy, hot gin sling, Tom and Jerry, and the whole family of hot drinks. Whiskey straight, for the nonce, is unpopular alongside the aristocratic hot drinks of the season, and is patronized only by old soaks and bummers. The price is hot, too: nothing is mixed under \$10 per drink, and that marked, "Cash, positively."

The Voice of the People

Says Charity Should Begin at Home To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I see signs on every street corner. "Please Help the Belgians." Most distressing cases, most deplorable conditions exist in that unfortunate country. I admit it is a most worthy cause to help, yet many giving to-day are giving without thought; on the impulse, many just ashamed to refuse. Possibly some working girl gives her lunch money because she feels she will appear badly.

But just step across the "dear old lower. But just step across the "dear old James

River" with me, and see what I saw the other day on Fifth Street, South Richmond: A woman, not over thirty years old, with an infant six River with the street, South Riehmond: A woman of over thirty years old, with an infant six months old in her arms, suffering with "marasmus," and five other children, the eldest nine years old, with not one mouthful to eat, save at that time a half a slice of bread that two little boys were walling for. Now. Mr Editor, if your mother or mine were poor and ill and starving, would we be justified in leaving ill and starving, would we be justified in leaving the street and help a stranger. I trow not; I believe God would smile approval upon us to believe God would smile approval upon us to give willingly and gladly to the stranger in first help our own, and then what was over to sattle, wash. 579 28.5 67 give willingly and gladly to the stranger in need. Charity given thoughtlessly is not indianapolis, ind. 529 54.9 23 charlety. It is impulse, it is conscience lulled charity. It is impulse, it is conscience lulled charity. It is impulse, offices and see the suc-

cessful man with every luxury at home. In his office I see most prominent, "I Give to the Associated Charities." He leans back in his large armchair comfertable, satisfied. He has discharged his obligations to God and man, Not so. I think "charity is love." Has he the love for the individual sufferer, whose every case needs different aid?

I referred this poor woman of whom I have spoken to the city charities. She, with a look of agony, said; "They might take my children from me, and that would kill me." Now, I know Spokane. Wesh, this case. I can substantiate what I say In Columbus, O.....

this case. I can substantiate what I say In my small way I have helped the woman and that is the reason I was not able to help the Belgians to-day. MRS. FRED JONES. Belgians to-day. 2900 Park Avenue. Richmond, November 25, 1916.

Clothes for Belgian Sufferers.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,-Will you kindly let me know just where to address packages of old clothes distined for the Virginia ship to sail from Norfolk for the relief of the Brigiah needy? I have looked through the Sunday Times-Dispatch of the 22d failed to find definite directions, and so am forced to frouble you about the matter. I would also like to know if the Chesapeake and Ohio's offer for free transportation extends as far west as to Ronceverte, this State, the station just west of White Sulphur Springs. My last question is when the ship expects to sall.

NANNIE MASSIE.

Lewisburg, W. Va., November 24, 1914.

[Commissioner Boykin announces that within the next few days a warehouse will be secured in Norfolk for reception of clothing, of which public affairs. If there is any force in Mexico due notice will be given. Persons who have which is intellectually and materially strong enough to deal satisfactorily with the present complex Mexican problem that force must be somewhere within the ranks of the Villa contingent. Senor Villa's establishment in the seat of government will give reasonable concernment. make no shipment until official address tags Massi on a Atlanta, Ga and shipping instructions are furnished. All Bayonne, N. railroads in Virginia will give free transporta- Goucester, Mass. tion only when packages are shipped under Altona Packages after the conficial tags and addresses according to direction of the conficial tags and addresses according to the conficial tags and tags according to the conficial tags and tags according to the conficial tags according to the conf official tags and addresses according to directions. The date for the sailing of the ship has not been determined.—Ed.]

The Bright Side of Life

A Weak Bank,

"Will," she said, "I am afraid my bank is in putseling to direction. Savannah, Ga...

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Lawrence, Mass...

Richmond, Va...

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Manchester, N. H...

Scrinton, Pa...

Carabridge, Mass...

Lynn, Mass...

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Johnstown, Pa...

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bad way."
"How foolish, Mabel! It's one of the strongest

financial institutions in the State. Whatever got the idea into your head?"
"Well, it's very strange," replied Mabel, unconvinced. "They've just returned a check of mine for \$40 marked 'No funds."—Harper's

His Aristocratic Taste. "Doesn't your wife like automobiling?"
"She likes it well enough."

"But I've never seen her in the car with you."

"SHE'S CLIMBIN'."

One of the Day's Best Cartoons.



THE SUICIDE RECORD OF 1913

The most interesting recent contri- each city have in each case been cal-bution to the study of the suicide prob-, cuinted in conformity to the method lem in its relation to life insurance is of the census office. It is helf-evident the analysis of the American experi- however, that errors in population es

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Boston, Mass.
Syracuse, N. Y.

Pittsfield, Mass.... Johnstown, Pa.... Charleston, S. C... Somerville, Mass... Newton, Mass... Augusta, Ga.....

of Total of 100 cities 49,765 19.7 4.470 18.7

It appears that the rate for 1913 for the 100 cities was 18.7 per 100,000 of population, which compares with a rate of 19.7 for the previous decade. There was, therefore, an actual decline in the suicide rate of 1.0 per 100,000 of population. Out of the 100 cities 49 show an increase in the suicide rate and 51 show a decline. In a general way the relative position of the principal cities, with reference to cidal frequency, is more as a suicide rate and 51 show a decline. In a general way the relative position of the principal cities, with reference to cidal frequency, is more as a suicide rate and 51 show a decline. In a general way the relative position of the principal cities, with reference to cidal frequency, is more as a suicide rate and 51 show a decline. In a general way the relative position of the principal cities, with reference to contain the way to leave at 8:15.

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that the actual suicide rate for

that the actual suicide rate for San Diego may possibly be below the rate given in the table.

As far as it is possible to judge, a maximum suicide figure for American cities was attained in 1908, when the rate reached 21.8 per 100,000 of population. The rate of 18.7 for the year 1913 was the lowest on record since 1903, with the exception of 1906. A diminishing suicide rate may be safely diminishing suicide rate may be safely assumed to reflect in a general way For Insured males there is a distinct rise in the suicide rate with advancing age from 1.5 per 10.000 at ages 15 to 29, to 2.8 at ages 30 to 44, and to 4.8 at ages 45 and over. For insured females, however, the rate is practically the same for each period of life. Proportionate to the mortality from all causes, the suicide mortality was highest at ages 30 to 44 for males, or 4.1 per cent, and for femules at ages 15 to 29, or 2.1 per cent.

The comparative rates of suicide for the comparative rates of suicide for the usual formain the table below, first for the decade ending with 1912, and then, separately, for the year 1913:

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| Mininishing suicide rate may be safely an improvement in the social and economic condition of the country, and in this respect the evidence available is quite conclusive that they can 1913 was one of widely diffused prosperity. It is regrettable that there should not be complete returns for the country as a whole, but for the registration are for the year 1912 the suicide rate was 16.0 per 100,000 of population which, when applied to the Continental material processing the suicide per annum at the present time that they corresponding mumber of deaths from typhold fever assumed to reflect in a general way an improvement in the social and economic condition of the country, and in this respect the evidence available is quite conclusive that they can 1913 was one of widely diffused prosperity. It is regrettable that there should not be complete returns for the own try as a whole, but for the registration that the year 1912 was one of widely diffused prosperity. number of deaths from typhold fever was approximately 16,000. While much is being done through associated effort to dininish the mortality from
this preventable disease, practically
nothing is being done to bring about
a wholesome and necessary reaction
of public opinion against the most indefensible of all crimes, the wrongful
act of self-murder.

Belgian War Hero

PARIS, November 18.—No Belgian soldler is receiving more acclaim in the French press than Emile Sapin, who, at the age of twenty-two has received the decoration of Order of Leopold and the cross of Leglan of Honor. Le Matin confesses it could not believe all the brilliant exploits attributed to this young man, who was a private when Matin confesses it could not believe all the brilliant exploits attributed to this young man, who was a private when war was declared, and who was made a corporal only a month ago, but that it has investigated through inquiries, not only of Sapin himself, who is now in a Cherbourg hospital, but also of many others, and it cheerfully recognized the following achievements:

First, during the elege of Liege, Sapin was in the fort of Lonoin. Climbing a tree and concealed by its leaves, he killed an entire battery of heavy artiliery said to number forty-two men. It is claimed that the commanding officer of this battery reached the foot of the tree, revolver in hand, only to fall as the rest had fallen from a bullet sent out of Sapin's rifle.

Second, two weeks later, he personally captured the flag of a regiment of Hussars, whose colonel he also shot. Third, near Louvain, sent out in a company of six other men. Sapin succeeded in capturing forty soldiers, including one officer.

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Just how it has proof of such achievements Le Matin does not say, but it adds that General Loe, of the Belgian army, and two Cabinet minis ters have personally gone to Chor-bourg to congratulate Sapin, who is not dangerously wounded.

Hotel Cuts the Seconds

NEW YORK, November 24 .-- William Bryant, a bellboy at the Waldor saved the day for George M. Bron melster, a Seattle business man. meister, a Seattle pusiness man, tossing an envelope containing value ble papers from the Bay State explosion as it flew past the Bridgeport station.

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